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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

optical sheets included in a backlight assembly;

a main frame mounted with the backlight assembly;

at least one shaft member installed at the main frame to fix the optical sheets;

a panel guide, engaged in the shaft member, for surrounding the backlight assembly and the main frame; and

at least one <u>silicon</u> pad provided on the optical sheets between the panel guide and the main frame,

wherein the shaft member has a columnar shape; and

wherein the silicone pad is provided with a hole through which the shaft member passes.

- 2. (Original) The liquid crystal display device as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the optical sheets is provided with a hole through which the shaft member passes.
- 3. (Original) The liquid crystal display device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the main frame is provided with at least one stepped hole in which the shaft member is provided.
- 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Previously Amended) A liquid crystal display device, comprising: a main frame;
 - a backlight assembly, mounted in the main frame;
 - at least one shaft connected to said main frame;

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optical sheets included in the backlight assembly having holes therein configured to affix to the shaft; and

a panel guide, engaged in the shaft, for surrounding the backlight assembly and the main frame,

wherein the shaft member has a columnar shape.

- 7. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said shaft member has a protrusion, said protrusion having a width smaller than the width of said shaft member, said protrusion extending through said optical sheets.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device as claimed in claim 7, wherein each of the optical sheets is provided with a hole through which the protrusion extends.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said holes have a shape matching the shape of the cross-section of the protrusion.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said protrusion has a circular cross-section and said holes have a circular shape.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the panel guide has a hole formed therein through which said protrusion extends.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device as claimed in claim 6, wherein said shaft has a protrusion, said protrusion having a width smaller than the width of said shaft, said protrusion extending through said holes in said optical sheets.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein said holes have a shape matching the shape of the cross-section of the protrusion.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the shape of the cross-section of the protrusion and the shape of the holes are circular.

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15. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the panel guide has a hole formed therein through which said protrusion extends.